

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
UNIVERSITY SENATE - 5/11/62

The University Senate met at 1:30 pm, Friday, May 11, 1962, Provost Colclough presiding in the temporary absence of President Carroll.

Since a precis of the minutes of the previous minutes had been circulated, reading of the official minutes was waived, and the minutes were approved as circulated.

Professor Hansen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, submitted the slate this Committee had selected for membership on the Executive Committee of the University Senate for the year 1962/63, namely

Roderic H. Davison, Chairman, Columbian College  
James F. Davison, Law  
John Kaye, Engineering  
Wolfgang Kraus, Graduate Council  
Carleton R. Treadwell, Medicine

On motion, seconded, the above members of the faculties were elected unanimously and congratulated by the Provost on behalf of the Senate.

The President arrived and assumed the Chair. He called upon Mr. Tupper, Chairman of the Executive Committee. After general discussion, motion, made, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee report be accepted by the Senate. Professor Willson, Chairman of the Student Relations Committee, agreed to summarize the report for presentation to the HATCHET for publication.

The Report of the Committee on Administrative Matters was presented by Professor Bowman. This report dealt with the handling of the grade of "Inc". After considerable discussion, it was moved, and seconded, that "the Registrar be instructed to change the grade of "Inc", except for thesis and proseminar courses, to an "F" upon the expiration of one calendar year from the entry of the grade." A proposed amendment to this motion "and that this 'F' grade be circled on the record to indicate that it is a change from an 'Inc' rather than an earned 'F'", was seconded and carried. The motion, as amended, was passed.

The Report of the Student Council was then presented by Mr. Charles Mays, President of the Council. After general discussion of the report, the Senate thanked the Student Council for its report and conveyed to Mr. Mays the Senate's intention to give serious consideration to the recommendations therein.

The President then read a list of the newly elected members and welcomed them to the Senate. He also thanked those members who are leaving for their many contributions with special thanks to Dr. Tupper, Chairman, and his fellow retiring members of the Executive Committee for their devoted and effective service.

Mr. Roderic H. Davison then moved that special thanks to the entire membership of the past year's Executive Committee for its help in starting the Senate be entered in the record. He was unanimously joined by all present.

The report of the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom was next presented by Professor Gray, Chairman. The Committee was seeking a clarification of the Senate's wishes as to what should be included in this revision to the Academic Code, which this Committee has been working on for several months. After full general discussion, it was the sense of the Senate that informal conferences should be held by this Committee with the appropriate Committee chairmen (Executive, Academic Affairs,

and Personnel) <sup>of the Bd of Trustees</sup> over the summer and the report be presented again in the Fall when the Senate reconvenes.

The President then made the following announcements:

1) Upon unanimous recommendation of the Engineering Faculty, at its meeting on May 10, 1962, the Board of Trustees voted to confer an honorary degree of Doctor of Science upon Mr. Robert Rowe Gilbuth, Director of the NASA project Mercury Program. This degree will be conferred at the June Commencement along with those which had already been reported to the Faculty.

2) The educational institutions of the District of Columbia have been exempt from unemployment compensation tax since the Act was passed in 1935. By a recent action of a Conference Committee of the Congress, the Act was amended so that such institutions are now covered. This action will cost the University approximately \$160,000 a year until such time as a rating under the law can be established in four or five years. There is no provision for refund if a favorable rating is earned, as is anticipated, but the future rate can be substantially reduced thereafter.

3) Increased University contribution to TIAA-CREF from eight percent to ten percent of base salary was approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 May 1962, effective 1 September 1962.

Provost Colclough introduced Dean Mason of the School of Engineering for an informative progress report on the changes being made in this School. Dean Mason mentioned the following:

- 1) A recommended change in the name of the School of Engineering to the School of Engineering and Applied Science.
- 2) A change in curriculum as follows: there will be three levels of curricula, namely, Introductory - 70 hours not in specified courses; Intermediate - 35 hours; and advanced - 35 hours.
- 3) It is proposed that there will be one degree granted, namely Bachelor of Science, with parenthetical indication of the area of concentration.

The matter of having a student speaker at Commencement in accordance with the recommendation of the Student Council was then discussed. Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Senate endorses the principle of having a student speaker; requests the Executive Committee of the Senate to select the person to speak at the June 1962 Commencement; and directs the Executive Committee, with the help of the Committee on Public Ceremonies, to work out a policy arrangement for such selection in future years.

The meeting concluded with applause for President Carroll and Provost Colclough in salute to their constructive cooperation with the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Frederick R. Houser  
Secretary of the Faculties